

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday, 3rd November, 2019

31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

Call to Worship

Grace and peace to you from God

God fill you with Truth and Joy

The Lord be with you

The Lord bless you

This is the day which the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Opening Hymn: Come As You Are

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to My heart, loved and forgiven,
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never fails.
Don't run away, shamed and disheartened,
rest in My love, trust Me again.

I came to call sinners not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by My promise
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust Me again.
Nothing will change the love that I bear you.
All will be well just come as you are

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Collect For Purity

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love You and worthily praise Your Holy Name; through our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.

Prayer of Confession *(Please sit or kneel)*

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to You. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake and renew our lives to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on us, pardon us and set us free. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in life eternal, Amen.

Sentence of the Day

Today salvation has come to this house, for the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.

Luke 19:10

Collect of the Day

**Lord of the Church,
You have called us to witness in every nation.
May we do Your work and bear Your cross,
await Your time and see Your glory.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

Amen.

Daniel's Dream of Four Beasts and the Interpretation

7 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying in bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream.

Daniel said: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea.

¹⁵ "I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me. I approached one of those standing there and asked him the meaning of all this.

"So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things: 'The four great beasts are four kings that will rise from the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever - yes, for ever and ever.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 149 (NIV)

Praise the LORD.

Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Let them praise His name with dancing and make music to Him with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in His people; He crowns the humble with victory.

Let His faithful people rejoice in this honour and sing for joy on their beds.

May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands,

to inflict vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,

to bind their kings with fetters, their nobles with shackles of iron,

to carry out the sentence written against them - this is the glory of all His faithful people.

Praise the LORD.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen***

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 11-23 (The Message version)

Read by Alan Hartley

¹¹ It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

¹³⁻¹⁴ It's in Christ that you, once you heard the truth and believed it (this Message of your salvation), found yourselves home free—signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit. This signet from God is the first instalment on what's coming, a reminder that we'll get everything God has planned for us, a praising and glorious life.

¹⁵⁻¹⁹ That's why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, I couldn't stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!

²⁰⁻²³ All this energy issues from Christ: God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule. And not just for the time being, but *forever*. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything. At the centre of all this, Christ rules the church. The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

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The Gradual Hymn: To God Be The Glory

To God be the Glory! Great things He has done;
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice:
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory; Great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God:
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Praise the Lord! . . .

Great things He has taught us, Great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our gladness, when Jesus we see!
Praise the Lord! . . .

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3rd Reading: Luke 6:20-31 (NIV)

Read by Margaret MacKay

Praise and Glory to God

Blessings, Woes And Love For Enemies

20 Looking at His disciples, Jesus said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.
Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.
Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.
³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

This is the gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon:

Mrs Bernie Bristow

Intercessions:

Beth Philip

Peace: Please turn to page 419 in the Prayer book.

Offertory Hymn: You Are The Vine

You are the vine, we are the branches
Keep us abiding in You
You are the vine, we are the branches
Keep us abiding in You.

And we'll go (and we'll go) in Your love (in Your love)
And we'll go (and we'll go) in Your name (in Your name)
That the world (that the world) will surely know (will surely know)
That You have power to heal and to save,

You are the vine, we are the branches
Keep us abiding in You.

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Communion

(prayer is available near the High altar during communion)

Closing Hymn: Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator,
we're one family.
Let us walk with each other
in perfect harmony.

Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be,
We'll take each moment and live
each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.

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Sending Forth: Go now to love and serve the Lord; go now in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.



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Preacher: Mrs Bernie Bristow
Welcome Team: Diane Buchanan, Winnie Sheehan
Morning Tea: Margaret MacKay, Sharon Cordery

Parish Community News

St George's Church AGM - after the service November 10th, 11am.

Giving envelopes have not yet arrived but we hope for them to be available Sunday 10th November.

Prayer Needs

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire." Hebrews 12: 28, 29.

Please keep Fiona and the extended family in your prayers as they mourn the sad loss of David.

As we await the return of our precious Lord, please keep all our brothers and sisters in our prayers.

This week 3rd - 10th November, 2019

Tuesday, 5th: 1pm Bible Study at the home of Peter and Beth Philip, 608 Rolleston Street, Thames, 868 5028.

Wednesday, 6th: Selwyn Group, 9:30-12:00, Church Hall. All welcome.

Thursday, 7th: Service at 10am Holy Communion (1662), St George's Chapel

Sunday 10th, November, 2019, 9:30

First Reading: Haggai 1: 15b-2:

Ruth Kowalewicz

Psalm: 98

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Paul Jennings

3rd Reading: Luke 20: 27-38

Diane Buchanan

Preacher:

TBA

Presider:

TBA

Liturgist:

Sue Lewis-O'Halloran

Server:

Margaret MacKay

Music Ministry/organist:

Lynne Mounsey

Intercessions:

Stephen Williams

Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:

Winnie Sheehan, Natalie Geary

Morning Tea:

AnneMarie Hartley, Allan Judd

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